

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended Abstract:

A chuck is provided for retaining the shank of a tool bit or accessory, having a fixed diameter, inserted in a central channel at a distal end of said the chuck, ~~comprising at~~ At least one torsion spring is mounted axially within a housing and ~~having~~ has an inner dimension and shape comparable to ~~said the~~ shank's outer dimension and shape, ~~and mechanical means for winding and unwinding said~~ A mechanism winds and unwinds the torsion spring to respectively grip or release ~~said the~~ shank, ~~said the~~ winding being in a rotational direction consistent with a normal operating rotational direction of ~~said the~~ chuck such that ~~said the~~ shank tends to further wind ~~said the~~ torsion spring for further self-tightening in normal operation.

Note: The replacement Abstract of the Disclosure is attached hereto on a separate sheet as required (37 CFR 1.72)